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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the items entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005", "Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994", "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations", "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus", "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo", "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor", "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea", "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia", "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force; United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon", "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone" and "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara" and to allocate them to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the items at its 42nd and 51st meetings, on 12 May and 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the items are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.42 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the items, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises (A/58/756);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/758).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.91

4. At its 51st meeting, on 3 June 2004, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises" (A/C.5/58/L.91), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

5. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey and the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), Switzerland, India and Egypt.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.91 without a vote (see para. 8).

7. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Norway and the United States of America.

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 56/255 of 24 December 2001, 56/286 of 27 June 2002, 57/305 of 15 April 2003, 58/270 of 23 December 2003 and all relevant resolutions regarding the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises,[1]

Having also considered the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in its report,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Stresses* the need, for the purposes of objective analyses, for a dedicated functional staff at Headquarters to review the recommendations on country risk assessments made by security officers in the field with the assistance of and input from national authorities of the host country;

3. *Approves* the establishment of 58 new field security posts for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator, and decides, without prejudice to such decisions as may be arrived at regarding cost-sharing arrangements, to appropriate 2,583,000 United States dollars, being the portion of costs normally attributable to the United Nations using current formulas, and to revert to the required residual funding of 8,162,100 dollars at the fifty-ninth session when determining cost-sharing arrangements;

4. *Decides* to revert to the possible conversion of the 58 extrabudgetary field security posts for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator in the context of the comprehensive report at its fifty-ninth session;

5. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments not to exceed 38,033,200 dollars for the financing of infrastructure projects;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-ninth session a comprehensive report on further strengthening the safety and security of United Nations operations, staff and premises, which should contain, inter alia, the following elements:

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[1] A/58/756.

[2] A/58/758.

(a) Clearly established criteria for determining long-term needs;

(b) A rational framework for the enhancement of system-wide security arrangements, based on the completion of all ongoing reviews, including the change management study;

(c) Time frames for the completion of the various projects proposed in the report of the Secretary-General,[1] as well as determinations as to which organizational units are responsible for their completion;

(d) Clearly established lines of accountability and responsibility and a clear chain of command for all participants in field security and at duty stations, including clarification of the relationship between all relevant United Nations entities and the Secretariat;

(e) Information on United Nations cooperation with and the role and responsibilities of host countries;

(f) Information on the need to ensure an enhanced professional capacity in the United Nations to conduct threat and risk assessment on a worldwide basis in order to address the issue raised in paragraph 18 of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

(g) Information on the utilization and cost of expertise sought on safety and security;

(h) Information on the need for adequate security-related training for all United Nations staff;

(i) Analysis and recommendations on long-term funding arrangements for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator and related resource requirements;

7. *Decides* that the resource requirements in the requested report should be based on and justified in terms of the Secretary-General's comprehensive review of safety and security;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust to the Office of Internal Oversight Services the conduct of an audit review of the utilization and management of the funds appropriated by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/286 for the implementation of measures to strengthen the security and safety of United Nations premises, including the causes for cost escalation and compliance with procurement procedures, and to report to the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session in conjunction with the comprehensive report on strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises;

9. *Decides* to approve an additional appropriation under the regular budget in the amount of 18,287,100 dollars, broken down as follows:

Section 3, Political affairs	2 866 100
Section 4, Disarmament	70 200
Section 5, Peacekeeping operations	3 774 100
Section 7, International Court of Justice	84 000
Section 18, Economic and social development in Africa	55 700
Section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	592 900
Section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	80 900
Section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia	233 400
Section 28, Public information	186 200
Section 29A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	500 000
Section 29C, Office of Human Resources Management	326 800
Section 29D, Office of Central Support Services	1 672 100
Section 29E, Administration, Geneva	2 683 500
Section 29F, Administration, Vienna	1 931 900
Section 29G, Administration, Nairobi	646 300
Section 31, Jointly financed administrative activities	2 583 000
Total	**18 287 100**

10. *Also decides* to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of 48,700 dollars under section 34, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount of income under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.